

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7, 15, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Maloberti et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,906,137. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 and 15-16 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer to including claims 1-7 and 15-16 in a continuation application, in order to place the above-identified application in condition for allowance.

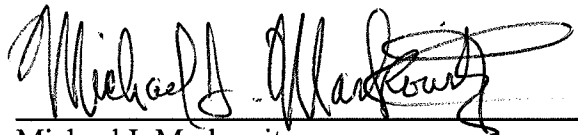
Claims 8-14 were allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, allowance of claims 8-14 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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